Grade 7

Dear Mom,

Thanks for the dirt bike magazines that you have been buying me for the last two months. It's not that I'm not a good reader I make good grades in English but I find I find what I read in school boring. Dirt bike magazines are the only thing that actually gets my attention when I read . Remember you had to buy me a new clutch lever, brake levers, and grip handles from www.motosport.com, when I wrecked my dirt bike. That's when you started buying me motosport magazines. The magazines I have been getting in the mail have really helped me learn about dirt bikes and how they work. You would probably be surprised that these magazines have even helped me with my writing at school. For example, when I wrote my short story it made it easier to write by helping me sound like I knew what I was talking about – like knowing the name of the bikes. My story is about two pro semi-pro dirt bike riders who go pro in freestyle .

Also, do you remember when I had to persuade you and dad to buy me a dirt bike? I had to do something similar in social studies when I had to write an editorial trying to persuade people to donate money to monsoon victims of India. Just like I had to give you reasons to buy me a dirt bike I had to give resons why people should donate money to India.

My writing has improved a lot since last year. One way that my writing has got better is because now I am writing more complete sentences. I also understand the questions better so I answer them more thoroughly. So since dirt bikes have helped me so much with my writing would you consider buying me a new one.

Sincerely,

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audience awareness (details)

evidence of reflection

literacy connection that supports writing growth

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Instructional Notes:
This writing attempts writing about growth in writing. The focus is authentic and meaningful to the writer. A narrow attempt at a literacy connection is evident, but not fully explained or supported